Murphysboro City Council Meeting December 8, 2015

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 8th day of December, 2015. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Jerry Hickam led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb,

Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Ridings

Absent:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 council meeting and the November 23, 2015 special council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #605, #606, #607 and #608 through December 8, 2015, accounts receivable through December 8, 2015 and payroll through December 8, 2015. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Strack informed the council regarding Kinkaid Watershed Project. They received a USDA major grant. They received \$145,000 which was used for sediment projects and the Forest Service received \$260,000. There were only 17 grants issued throughout the United States. Since they completed their project they should be in line for this year as well.

Eon Ellison of BLIP inquired if we had received a response from Media Com. He presented the council with hand outs regarding reference list, etc.

Gary Green of Supporting People In Need (SPIN) gave an update on the organization. They were proceeding with a fund raiser, getting with Mike Bost regarding federal grants and meeting with the grant writer tomorrow.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee meeting of November 23, 2015.

Motion: To approve paying Accounts Payable Register #604 through November 23, 2015.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Hughes Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion carried**

Building and Grounds Committee meeting of October 26, 2015.

Brian Thompson cannot do this work until after the first of the year. We have a bid of \$843.50 from Spillertown Seamless Guttering and they can start the project within one week.

Motion: To approve the bid of Spillertown Seamless Guttering for gutters at fire station #2 in the amount of \$843.50.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of city-owned real estate located in the City of Murphysboro, by staff of the municipality.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Brown

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

Alderman McComb stated that before we sell these proprieties we should research to know how they intend to fix them up and if they have the finances to fix them.

Motion: To approve a resolution authorizing the sale of city-owned real estate located in the City of Murphysboro, by staff of the municipality.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman McComb

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

Community Relations meeting of November 23, 2015

Alderman Pierson raised questions regarding the street closures and its impact on the take out business of Cummare's and Brew's Brothers customers.

Motion: To table back to committee the 2016 Murphysboro Cruise Night street closure requests.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Erbes

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Public Improvement Committee meeting of November 23, 2015.

Motion: To approve Ordinance #15-27 for the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Route 13/127 Redevelopment Project Area.

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Bratton

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve Ordinance #15-28 for the Route 13/127 Redevelopment Project Area.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by

Second by Alderman McComb

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve Ordinance #15-29 for the Route 13/127 Redevelopment Project Area.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Erbes

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve Ordinance #15-30 Establishing and designating the Route 13/17 Business District and approving the Route 13/127 District Plan.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Campos

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve Ordinance #15-31 Establishing and imposing certain Business District Taxes in the Route 13/127 Business District.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Public Works Committee meeting of November 23, 2015.

Motion: To recommend approve the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Audit as presented.

Motion by Alderman McComb

Second by Alderman Campos

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve waiving our lien on 426 Lucier Street.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Campos

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny

Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: Gary McComb

Motion Carried.

Public Safety meeting of November 23, 2015. .

Alderman McComb stated that Mr. Spears had attached the unit at the MYRC, he had bolted it down.

Mayor Stephens stated he had called the Jackson County Mass Transit and they had terminated the director so there was no one to talk to at this time. Alderman McComb stated he thought the taxi cab companies would appreciate that we tried.

No action taken

Personnel Committee meeting of November 23, 2015.

No action required.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Stephens informed the council of the following:

1. Reminder, the Annual Community Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, December 25th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome.

Alderman Voss informed the council that Mike Bastien had requested in writing to be appointed to the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District Board. Discussion followed and Alderman Voss requested these appointments be brought up prior to having to vote; as it is now it is so short to vote knowledgeably

Motion: To approve the recommendation to re-appoint Ken Carr to the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District Board.

Motion by Alderman Pierson

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Bratton

Second by Alderman Brown

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Herb Voss, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes,

Gloria Campos

Nays: Mark Costa, Russell Brown Abstain: Gary McComb, Tom Riding

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve the recommendation to appoint Chuck Novara to the Kinkaid-Reed's Creek Conservancy District Board.

Motion by Alderman Bratton

Motion by Alderman Hughes

Second by Alderman Pierson

Second by Alderman Brown

Second by Alderman Brown

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Mark Costa, Russell Brown, Herb Voss, Gary McComb, Bill

Pierson, Danny Bratton, John Erbes, Gloria Campos, Tom Riding

Nays: None **Motion Carried.**

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Tom Ridings He thinks the street department need another person more

than any other department.

Gloria Campos Nothing

John Erbes Nothing

Danny Bratton Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Gary McComb He will try to open the holding area December 19th from 9 am-

1 pm.

Herb Voss He will be checking the references that the gentlemen from

BLIP provided.

Russell Brown Neighbors want to know what is going on at CIPS. Every

other week they are drilling. Eric is to call and find out.

Mark Costa Nothing

Barb Hughes Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ed Heller Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Nothing

Steven Swafford New fire truck in service

Brian Hollo Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To go into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) regarding collective negotiating matters and the contract proposal between the city and its employees or their representatives.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss,

Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes,

Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: None Motion Carried Motion: To come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Hughes

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Costa

Yeas: Alderman Hughes, Alderman Costa, Alderman Brown, Alderman Voss,

Alderman McComb, Alderman Pierson, Alderman Bratton, Alderman Erbes,

Alderman Campos, Alderman Ridings

Nays: None **Motion Carried**

No action taken.

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.